



PAPA'S WAY OF SPELLING.

I'm having such a dreadful time
At learning how to spell!
You see, I'm just a little girl,
And can't do very well.
I've been to school for two months now,
And so some words I know;
For teacher writes it on the board
And says "g-o" spells "go."
I've learned that "r-a-t" spells "rat,"
And "h-e-n" spells "hen."
That Rover is a "d-o-g,"
And "B-e-n" is "Ben."
My teacher says she thinks that I
Am doing very well;
But papa spells a different way,
And says: "Sh! Don't you tell!"
You see, my names are Alice May,
And my last name is Hall,
And yesterday I spelled them out
At school before them all.
My teacher said: "That's nicely done!"
And so at home last night
I spelled them out for my papa,
And thought I had them right.
But papa said: "You're wrong, my pet!
For 'A-l-i-c-e' spells 'd-a-r-l-i-n-g,'
And 'M-a-y' spells 'M-a-y'."
I told him what my teacher said,
But he declared: "Oh, no!
That's not the way your papa spells;
Your teacher doesn't know."
My papa wouldn't tell me wrong,
Or say what isn't true,
And yet my teacher says that she
Spells just the way I do.
I'm afraid I'll never learn to spell—
No matter how I try—
If "d-a-r-l-i-n-g" is "A-l-i-c-e"
And "sweetheart" is "M-a-y."
—Ida L. McIntosh, in St. Nicholas.

BRIGHT RUSSIAN GIRL.

Shows Wonderful Aptitude for Learning
and Has Entered Mt.
Holyoke College.

Tyna Helman, a Russian Hebrew immigrant's daughter, just 14 years old, who four years ago became a student in a West End school in Boston, has entered Mount Holyoke college better equipped for success in her student life than the average college girl.

Arriving from Russia in 1900, Miss Helman not only mastered the English language, of which she was entirely ignorant, but became so proficient in it and all other branches of study that within four years she passed through the primary and grammar grades, and last June was graduated from the Girls' Latin school in Boston at the head of her class.

Because she knew nothing about English, says the New York Sun, Miss Helman at first was compelled to enter a primary school with children only one-third her age, but with the aid of Russian and English dictionaries, which her father provided her with, she swiftly forged ahead, passing through the primary and grammar grades in a single year, for she had acquired in Russia a good foundation for future learning.

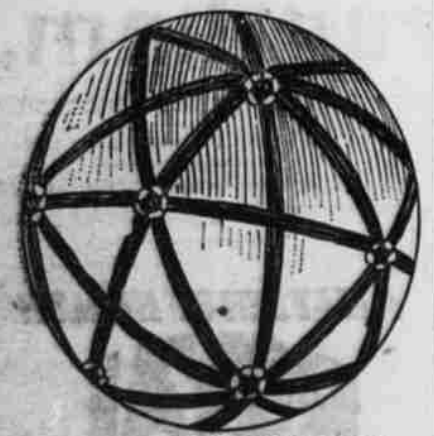
From the Wells grammar school, in the West End, Boston, she was graduated in 1901 and finished the four-year course in the Girls' Latin school in three years, an uncommon feat. Intending at first to go to Boston university for a year, she took the entry examinations, passing six of the required studies with honors, but subsequently she decided to take the full course at Mount Holyoke college. Even now she has made an impression with her instructors, and her friends believe that she will win fresh laurels during her college life.

Miss Helman's father keeps a little grocery store at 198 Marion street, East Boston. She is the eldest of six children and is a born student, mastering the most difficult studies with the greatest ease. She is tall and graceful, of the brunette type, with snapping black eyes and a countenance which fairly shines with intellectuality.

USE FOR OLD TENNIS BALLS

How They May Be Given a New
Lease of Life in a New
Dress.

The old, worn-out tennis-balls can be put to good use, and will furnish untold pleasure for many poor or sick children. A new dress is all the ball needs. For this new dress most people who do much



TENNIS BALL IN NEW DRESS.

fancy-work can produce all sorts of odds and ends of wool left over from various articles, either crocheted, crocheted or knitted, for it matters little what kind of wool you use, so long as you make the balls bright and attractive.

Anxious to Learn.

Crawford-Newrich seems to be watching his servants all the time. Crabshaw—Yes. He's trying to learn how to act when in society.—Town Topics.

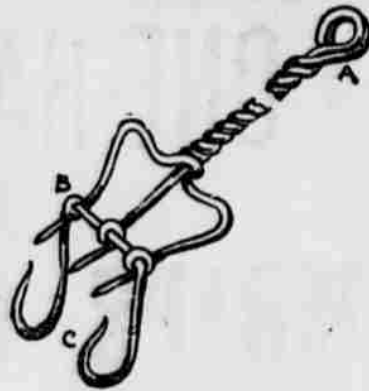
Was Safe.

He—Did your papa hear me singing that waltz?
She—Yes; but you are safe; he thought it was the cat.—Chicago Journal.

EASY WIRE WORK.

Pretty Things Which May Be Made
with Few Tools and Inexpensive
Materials.

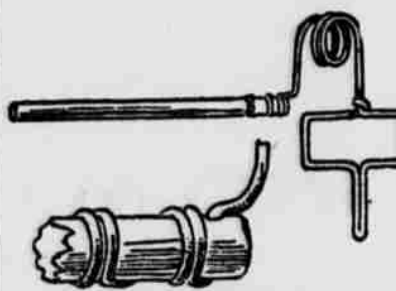
Wire working will be found a very interesting pastime, and there are many things both useful and ornamental that may be made with such little effort that the work has become a very popular way of utilizing spare moments. Three tools only are necessary to produce most of the articles made by wire—a pair of flat-nose cutting pliers, one of round-nose cutting pliers, and a file; then, with a few skeins of wire, you have all that is required. Of course, as in everything else, practice makes perfect, and after a few trials you will find that dex-



A TOASTING FORK.

terity in the handling of the tools and skill in twisting nice turns are acquired very rapidly.

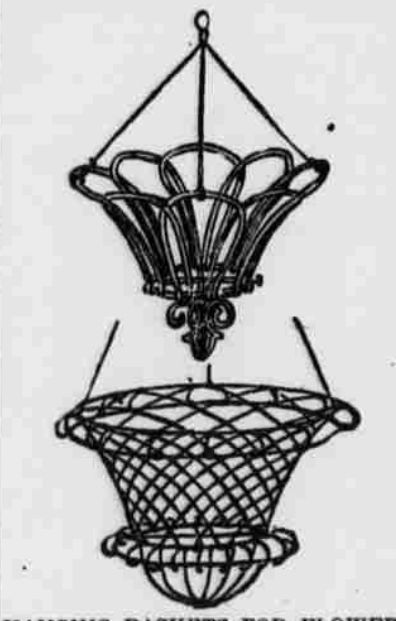
A very useful article and a good one with which to make your first attempt at this work is a toasting-fork, shown by Figure 1. To make it, take two lengths of stout wire, one three, and the other six feet long; turn an eye, A, at one end of the shortest piece; bend the other double, and twist it round the central one. An extra twist should be given at the spread of the prongs, and an eye is formed on each wire at B round another piece of same sized wire; the ends are then straightened and pointed with the



A SPRING PERCH.

file. Now bend the cross-wire down on either side and form hooks, C, in which the toast rests securely.

For those who keep cage-birds, we show, in Figure 2, a spring-perch, which is simple in construction. Birds seem to enjoy the motion the spring gives when they hop on it. Take a piece of elm or mahogany wood, and whittle out a short perch, about the thickness of an ordinary lead-pencil. Drill a fine hole about an inch from one end, and pass a piece of hard brass wire through, securing it by firmly twisting the shorter end round the perch in two places, as shown in the illustration. Now bend the remaining wire into a coil of three turns, to give the springiness, and finish off with a couple of bends, as illustrated, by



HANGING BASKETS FOR FLOWERS, which it is attached to the bars of the cage. The perch may be removed easily when it is necessary to scrape and clean it.

Hanging-baskets for flowers are quickly made. Two designs for these are given in Figure 3. They are so simple that there will be no difficulty in constructing them by referring occasionally to the illustration.

There are any quantity of ornamental articles which may be made, with a little care and ingenuity on the part of



BOOK MARK.

the worker. What is called "gold-cased" wire should be used for such work. Figure 4 shows a book-marker of silk ribbon fitted with ornamental wire ends. These may be made in any design suggesting itself to the worker. The owner's monogram or initials worked into the design will look very pretty.—People's Journal.

Blue Eyes.

Persons with blue eyes are rarely affected with color blindness.

ENDS THE GAS WAR?

Judge at Oswego, Kan., Restrains
Interference with Pipe Line.

Belief That Syndicates Planning to
Furnish Kansas City and Other
Places with Light and Fuel
Will Be Successful.

Oswego, Kan., Dec. 1.—Judge Flannely, in the district court granted the permanent injunction asked by the Kansas Natural Gas company restraining the county officers of Montgomery county and everybody else from interfering with the construction of the pipe line of the gas company through Montgomery county.

The effect of the decision will be the construction of the pipe line through Montgomery county at once. The injunction restrains the county attorney from prosecuting the cases against the employees of the gas company arrested some time ago for obstructing public highways; restrains the sheriff from making further arrests; restrains the county commissioners from obstructing the pipe line construction across the highways and generally and specifically restrains everybody in the county from interfering with the plans of the company.

The issue involved not only the construction of the pipe line from Independence to Joplin, but also the construction of the pipe line from Chanute and the northern end of the field to Kansas City. It was to decide whether or not gas may be piped across the roads.

Montgomery county was the only county in a position on the pipe line route to fight the gas company. Its only hope was in stepping the pipe line from crossing the county roads. By the time the injunction case could reach the supreme court the pipe line will be completed. A supreme court decision to be of any use would have to come in less than a week.

BONAPARTE IS HIGH MAN.

Roosevelt's Former Indian Inspector
or the Only Republican Winning
in Maryland for Elector.

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 1.—The state board of canvassers has canvassed the vote of Maryland and upon its report Gov. Warfield certified to the election of seven democratic and one republican



CHARLES J. BONAPARTE.

electors. The largest vote was for Charles J. Bonaparte, republican, who received 109,497 votes and the largest democratic vote was for Frank Brown, who received 109,446, a majority of 51 for the republican elector.

FOR PRESBYTERIAN UNION.

Seven Denominations Practically
Agree Upon a Plan for Action Under
Control of a Council.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 1.—The committee representing the seven branches of the Presbyterian church in the United States, meeting here, decided on a plan of federation for the various churches. The plan provides for the establishment of a council, which will be called the "federal council of reformed churches in America, holding the Presbyterian system." This council will have no power over the worship, creed or government of the churches, which will remain the same as they always have been.

The seven churches which were represented on the commission are the Reformed Presbyterian church, the Reformed Church of America, the Presbyterian church in the United States of America, the Presbyterian church in the United States, the United Presbyterian church, the Cumberland Presbyterian church and the Reformed church in the United States.

Cockrell Withholds Decision.

Washington, Dec. 1.—Senator F. M. Cockrell was at the white house yesterday talking over with the president the latter's proffer of a lucrative position. After the meeting the senator said he would not announce his decision for several weeks.

Woman Socialist Disinherited.

Berlin, Dec. 1.—Mrs. Lilly Braun, a socialist lecturer, has been formally disinherited by her aunt, Countess Klotilde von Hermann, because of her socialistic connection.

\$400,000 for a Human Life.

New York, Dec. 1.—A verdict for \$400,000 damages has been awarded in the supreme court here to Mrs. Anna Morhard, widow of a Staten Island physician who was killed a year ago in the cellar of his house by an electric shock.

Marsh Fires in Indiana.

Laporte, Ind., Dec. 1.—Marsh fires are sweeping over the Kankakee country. Thousands of acres have now been fire-swept and houses in the path of the flames have been destroyed.

SINGS OKLAHOMA'S PRAISES.

Gov. Ferguson's Annual Report
Gives Statistics of Wealth and
Population of the Territory.

Washington, Dec. 5.—The flag of our republic will not be complete until on its field of blue is placed the rising star of Oklahoma," says the annual report of Gov. T. B. Ferguson, of Oklahoma. The report adds: "With \$700,000 people, \$540,000,000 worth of property, the major portion of our public expenses bestowed upon our schools, unprecedented advancement along all lines of enterprise, it seems that congress should give us the authority to exercise in full the rights of American citizens."

Speaking of the growth of the territory the report says: "The immigration of Oklahoma during the past year has been quite heavy. Over 1,500,000 acres of public land has been taken up by the homesteader. This alone means an increase in population of from 40,000 to 50,000 people. The larger portion of the buyers of farm property were homesteaders from other states." The total immigration is placed at nearly 100,000.

The increase in the assessment value of property in the territory is placed at \$6,475,601 and that of the bank deposits at \$18,384,318. Six hundred and eighty-nine miles of railroad were built in the territory during the year and "the only bonded indebtedness ever incurred by the territory (\$48,000) has been paid off with accrued interest some 20 years before it was due."

A RAIL HAD BROKEN.

Missouri Pacific Train Wrecked
Near Holden, Mo., Over Fifty
Passengers Being Injured.

Holden, Mo., Dec. 5.—Missouri Pacific passenger train No. 1 was wrecked about a mile east of Holden. The train was crowded, among the passengers being many Knights of Pythias, on their way to Kansas City for the pythian big night. The train was 15 minutes late and was running fast to make up time. The train rushed down through the Post Oak valley at the rate of 45 miles an hour. The engine and first baggage car went over the Post Oak bridge all right, but just as they reached the other side there was a crash, and in a moment the remainder of the train, consisting of five coaches, including one Pullman car and a diner, were thrown into a heap.

A rail on the bridge had broken or spread. Some of the coaches went into the bed of the creek and down a declivity of 30 or 40 feet. Heavy 90-pound rails were bent like hoops and thrown clear outside the right-of-way. Ties were crushed and part of the bridge was broken down. Most of the coaches were turned upside down, and some of them were badly broken.

TO STOP DISFRANCHISEMENT.

Gen. J. Warren Keifer Going Back
to Congress with a Bill That Will
Start Trouble.

Columbus, O., Dec. 5.—Gen. J. Warren Keifer, former speaker of the national house of representatives, who has been re-elected to congress from the Seventh Ohio district, has issued a statement in which he announces that his mission is to secure legislation to prevent disfranchisement of voters in the south. Gen. Keifer has made an exhaustive study of the subject and in his statement he gives an outline of what he expects to accomplish. He says: "All I contend for is equal voting power in all the states in electing members of the house of representatives and in electing a president of the United States. This equality of right should be conceded and no principle of generosity to the south requires any such surrender of a fundamental principle of our form of government."

EXHIBIT BUILDINGS SOLD.

For \$380,000 a Chicago Wrecking
Company Gets World's Fair Structures
That Cost \$15,000,000.

St. Louis, Dec. 5.—A contract for the sale of the 11 big exhibit palaces, stock barns, festival hall, the colonnade of states, pavilions, aerodrome, bank, intramural railway, hospital, press buildings, police and fire stations, with other world's fair structures that cost \$15,000,000, will be signed this week with a Chicago wrecking company for \$380,000. Everything except the rolling stock of the intramural railway, which has been sold separately; the state, foreign and pike buildings, are included in the deal.

New Egg-Eating Record.

Colon, Neb., Dec. 5.—In order to win a bet of \$1 with Dr. Willis, Joseph Jenoways devoured four dozen eggs in 25 minutes, without serious inconvenience. The eggs weighed six pounds with the shells on and were soft-boiled.

A Class of 1,500 Initiated.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 5.—The Knights of Pythias "goat" had all he could do Saturday night in Convention hall, when 1,500 candidates were initiated into the mysteries of Page's rank, the first degree of pythianism.

Gen. Wheeler Introduces New Gun.

Mexico City, Dec. 5.—Gen. Joseph Wheeler is receiving many marks of consideration at the hands of the Mexican government and of his own country. One of the objects of Gen. Wheeler's trip is to interest the Mexican government in a new gun.

Established Mission at St. Joseph.

St. Joseph, Mo., Dec. 5.—Mrs. Katherine Edwards, who established the first mission of the Christian church here 53 years ago, is dead. She was 84 years old.

The Best Kansas News.

Trying to Kill Mrs. Riley.

Officers are looking for the assailant of Mrs. James Riley, wife of a Bushong, Lyon county, cattleman. A third attempt to kill Mrs. Riley was made in the barn at the Riley home by an unidentified man who threw a pitchfork at her head. The times of the fork passed through her scalp and pinioned her by the hair to the board wall of the stable, but did not cause a dangerous injury. Some time ago an attempt to murder Mrs. Riley was made with a stone. The assailant hid in the stable loft and as she passed out of the barn door a heavy stone was dropped from the mow door upon her head. It struck a glancing blow, inflicting only trivial wounds. In all attempts the assailant has escaped identification, but it is known that he is a man supposedly moved by jealousy.

Gives Wide Latitude.

It develops that the opinion of Judge Flannely, in granting the injunction at Oswego in the pipe line suit, gave the gas company a much wider latitude than was supposed. It not only has the right to cross public highways, but it has the right to lay its pipes along the highways under restrictions laid down. The ditches must be six feet from the bed of the road and must be 18 inches wide. The pipe must be 18 inches under ground. Beyond the further announcement that the case will be appealed, the officers of the Kansas Gas Protective association are not talking.

Indicted for Stealing a Ride.

On the novel charge of "attempting to steal a ride," accompanied by a charge of assault and battery, Edgar Evans, who is in jail at Falls City, Neb., will be brought back to Kansas for trial. Gov. Mickey honored the requisition of Gov. Bailey, of Kansas, for the return of the man. In the complaint against Evans it is charged that he climbed onto a Rock Island train in Kansas with the intention of stealing a ride and when the conductor tried to put him off he beat up that official and incidentally dropped him off the train somewhere between stations.

Buying Kansas Corn.

Just to show that they harbor no ill feelings toward Kansas in its suit to prevent them from stealing all the water in the Arkansas river, the people of Colorado are coming to this state to buy corn. Heavy shipments are being made from north central Kansas to all portions of Colorado. When the Colorado buyers dropped in a few days ago and began to buy everything in sight in the way of corn the price advanced from two to three cents a bushel. In Smith county the farmers have been getting 38 cents for their corn for more than a week now.

Shooting a 40-Foot Stream.

Oil men think they have found something entirely new in Kansas development in the well brought in in the Rantoul field. The strike was made at 350 feet and the Paola sand was tapped. The well began to spout oil immediately. A light shot was fired and since that time the well has been spouting a stream of oil 40 feet high. Oil men say it is a well of at least 100 barrels. A big pool of oil has been accumulated in a surface reservoir.

Maj. Hood Wins Big Suit.

The supreme court handed down an opinion in the Martindale case from Emporia. It was a suit against R. T. Batty, as receiver, Calvin Hood and others, to set aside the sale of some of the Martindale property. The case involved about 9,000 acres of land, principally in Greenwood county. The decision of the supreme court gives this property to Maj. Hood, who was really the defendant in the suit.

Cole Declined an Office.

George E. Cole, ex-state auditor, might have had the office of state bank commissioner to succeed Morton Albaugh, but he declined. He would like the office, for that kind of work suits him and he is used to it, but without any assurance of a renewal of the appointment by Gov. Hoch he is unwilling to take it for so short a time as Mr. Albaugh's unexpired term amounts to.

Another Big "Gasser."

The strongest gas well in that section of Kansas was brought in on the Henry Corbin farm, three miles northeast of Mound City. It will produce 3,000,000 feet daily. The gas will be piped to Pleasanton.

Brent to Be Long's Stenographer.

Harry W. Brent, stenographer for Gov. Bailey, has accepted the place of stenographer for United States Senator Long. He will go to Washington at the end of this month.

Morgan Off to Cuba.

W. Y. Morgan, editor of the Hutchinson News, has gone to Cuba. He will return by way of Washington about Christmas.

Baby Burned to Death.

The two-year-old son of John Campbell, a farmer living east of Arkansas City, was burned to death. An older brother secured some matches from the house, and the two were playing with them near the home. They set fire to a pile of dead grass, and in a little while were unable to put it out. Frightened, the older boy ran to his mother, who called help, and by hard work the barn and outbuildings were saved. The child was not missed until a neighbor found the body burned to a crisp.

Evidence Not Sufficient.

The case brought on the relation of C. C. Coleman, attorney general, to oust Henry O. Trinkle from the office of county attorney of Linn county, was decided by the supreme court in favor of Trinkle. It was alleged that Trinkle had not done his duty in the prosecution of violators of the prohibitory law. One charge was that he accepted money for dismissing a case. The court holds that the evidence is not sufficient to justify removing Trinkle from office.

May Bore Artesian Well.

Prof. J. A. Yates, instructor of science at Ottawa university and for two years a member of the United States geological survey in eastern Kansas, believes the so-called Mississippi limestone is the top cap to an immense deposit of artesian water, and he has suggested that the city of Ottawa try sinking a well 1,600 feet—carrying on down one of the many prospect holes in this vicinity.

Says Money Is Pledged.

Hugh A. Holmes, the Michigan promoter who has secured the franchise through Ottawa for a Kansas City-Southern Kansas electric line, was in Ottawa with representatives of eastern capitalists, finishing up an inspection of the proposed route. Mr. Holmes says that the money has been pledged to build the line and that construction contracts will be let in a short time.

Christmas Treat for the Poor.

The Salvation army of Kansas City is ambitious to make their annual Christmas benefit to the poor a greater success than ever this year, and to that end Col. Addie, Thirteenth and Walnut streets, has issued a request to the citizens of Kansas City and surrounding territory for money or supplies to aid the army in its labors for the amelioration of the unfortunate.

"Up to" the Legislature.

The decision of Judge Flannely, of the Labette county district court, in which he granted an injunction restraining officers of Montgomery county from interfering with the construction of a pipe line, will throw the fight into the legislature. The action of the legislature on this measure promises to be a feature of the coming session.

Wanted to Rent Space.

Myra McHenry, the disciple of Carrie Nation, made things lively about the state capital in an attempt to get permission from the executive council to operate a news stand in the rotunda of the building. Mrs. McHenry thought that Gov.-elect Hoch already had succeeded Gov. Bailey and that her request would be granted by him.

51 Acres for State University.

The regents of the University of Kansas have purchased the Robinson tract of 51 acres of land adjoining the present campus on the west. The citizens of Lawrence advanced the first payment on the land in anticipation of favorable action on the part of the legislature in making an appropriation to cover the cost of same.

Ingaulls Statue in Washington.

The Ingaulls statue is in the custody of the superintendent of the national capitol. Senator Long wrote Mrs. Ingaulls requesting her to designate the time for its unveiling. There probably will be one speech in the senate by Senator Long and one in the house by some member of the Kansas delegation.

Y. M. C. A. Building Fund.

The Topeka Y. M. C. A. building fund now aggregates \$37,000. It is proposed to increase it to \$60,000 by January 1, when the contract for the erection of the building will be let.

Hanna Enters Denial.

Lieut. Gov. Hanna has written to W. R. Stubbs saying that the reports in the newspapers that he is parcelling out the chairmanships of committees in the next senate is a mistake.

National Bank for Delphos.

The comptroller of the currency has approved the application of the following persons to organize the First national bank, of Delphos, with a capital of \$25,000.

Compelled Joins to Close.

The women of Aurora compelled the two joints to close and druggist to quit selling liquor. They promise to go smashing if any more whiskey is sold in the town.

Thomas Loses \$25,000.

The supreme court decided against Frank S. Thomas, ex-postmaster of Topeka, who sued the Santa Fe railroad for \$25,000 damage for alleged violation of contract.

Train Ran Over Him.

W. H. McBride, a farmer from near Summerfield, was run over and killed by a Missouri Pacific train near the Hannibal railroad bridge at Kansas City, Mo.

Absorbed Caney Gas Plant.

The Kansas Natural Gas company took over the plant and property of the Caney Gas company in Montgomery county. The company owns the franchise for supplying Caney with gas, also about 20 miles of pipe line and five or six large gas wells. Senator-elect S. M. Porter, of Crawford county, is president.

Girl Burned to Death.

Ollie Moore, aged 13, is dead at Madison from burns received in a gasoline stove explosion.